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DREAMS' DICTIONARY



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## ANIMALS

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- Alligator** – ancient; evil out of the past; danger, destruction; evil spirit; or slander & gossip (big mouth); aggression
- Bat** – witchcraft; unstable; flighty; fear
- Bear** – judgment; strength; opposition; an evil spirit that wants something you have; economic loss (as in “a bear market”); Russia
- Polar Bear** – religious spirit
- Beaver** – industrious; busy; diligent; clever, ingenious
- Bird** – symbol of spirits, good or evil
- Bull** – persecution; spiritual warfare; opposition, accusation; slander, threat; economic increase (as in a “bull market”)
- Camel** – endurance; long journey; ungainly (not graceful)
- Cat** – self-willed; untrainable; predator; unclean spirit; bewitching charm; stealthy, sneaky, or deceptive; something precious in the context of a personal pet
- Black Cat** – witchcraft
- Cheetah** – swift or fast; predator, danger; play on word for “Cheater”
- Chicken** – fear, cowardliness; hen can be protection, gossip, motherhood; rooster can be boasting, bragging, proud; chick can be defenseless, innocent
- Colt** – bearing the burden of others; or stubbornness
- Crab** – not easy to approach
- Crow** (raven) – confusion; outspoken; operating in envy or strife; hateful; unclean; God's minister of justice or provision
- Cow** – subsistence; prosperity
- Deer** – graceful, swift; sure-footed, agile; timid
- Dog** – unbelievers; religious hypocrites; loyalty, friendship, or faithfulness
- Pit bull Dog** – ferocious demonic spirit
- Donkey** – gentle strength, burden bearer; negative – stubborn
- Dove** – Holy Spirit
- Dragon** – Satan
- Dinosaur** – old stronghold, demonic, danger from the past (generational stronghold)
- Eagle** – prophetic; prophetic calling
- Elephant** – invincible or thick skinned; not easily offended; powerful; large; having great impact; storing memory; old memory; long pregnancy
- Fish** – souls of men
- Fox** – cunning, evil men; sly, sneaky; something that steals from you
- Frog** – spirit of lust; demon; curse; witchcraft
- Goat** – sinner; unbelief; stubborn; argumentative; no discernment; negative person; being blamed for something (as in “scapegoat”); positive – prosperity in some cultures
- Hawk** – predator; sorcerer; evil spirit; a person who is for war
- Hare** – fast, hasty, quick
- Hen** – one who gathers, protects
- Horse** – power, strength, conquest; spiritual warfare
- White Horse** – salvation; rescue; redeem; royalty
- Black Horse** – feminine; bad times; evil (Rev 6:5)
- Red Horse** – persecution; anger; danger; opposition (Rev 6:4)
- Leopard** – swiftness, sometimes associated with vengeance, predator, danger

**Lion** – Jesus “Lion of the tribe of Judah”; royalty, kingship, bravery; confidence; Satan seeking to destroy

**Lobster** – not easy to approach

**Mice** – something small that bring destruction; devourer, curse, plague, timid

**Mole** – spiritual blindness

**Monkey** – foolishness; clinging; mischief; dishonesty; addiction

**Mountain Lion** – Satan, enemy; predator seeking to destroy

**Octopus** – Jezebel Spirit because of the tentacles

**Ox** – slow change; subsistence

**Black Panther** – high level witchcraft; demonic activity, works in darkness

**Pig** – ignorance; hypocrisy; religious unbelievers, unclean people; selfish, gluttonous; vicious, vengeful

**Raccoon** – mischief; night raider; rascal; thief, bandit; deceitful

**Ram** – sacrifice

**Rat** – feeds on garbage or impurities; unclean spirit, invader

**Raven** – evil, Satan

**Serpent** – Satan & evil spirits

**Sheep** – the people of God; innocent, vulnerable; humility; submission; sacrifice

**Skunk** – “stinking up” a situation; unforgiveness, bitterness; bad attitude

**Sloth** – slow moving; easy prey, vulnerable

**Snake** – deception, lies; Satan; unforgiveness, bitterness

**White Snake** – spirit of religion; occult

**Sparrow** – small value but precious; watched by the Lord

**Tiger** – danger; powerful minister (both good & evil), soul power, demonic spirit

**Tortoise** – slow moving; slow change; steady; old; old way of doing something; wise

**Turkey** – foolish; clumsy; dumb; thanksgiving

**Vulture** – scavenger; unclean; impure; an evil person; greedy

**Weasel** – wicked; breaking promises (as in “weaseling out of a deal”); informant or tattletale; traitor

**Whale** – big impact in the things of the Spirit; going deep in the spirit

**Wolf** – Satan and evil; false ministries & false teachers; predator

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## BODY PARTS

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**Arm** – strength; faith

**Bald Head** – lacking wisdom

**Beard** – maturity

**Eye** – revelatory understanding

**Fingers:**

**Thumb** – apostolic

**Pointer** – prophetic

**Middle** – evangelistic

**Ring** – pastor

**Pinky** – teaching

**Hair** – wisdom & anointing

**Hand** – relationship; healing

**Immobilized Body Parts** – spiritual hindrance; demonic attack

**Nakedness** –

**Positive:** being transparent; humility; innocence.

**Negative:** lust; temptation; in or of the flesh

**Neck** –

**Positive:** support or strength.

**Negative:** stiff necked, stubborn

**Nose** – discernment

**Side** – relationship; friendship

**Teeth** – wisdom; comprehension; understanding

**Wisdom Teeth** – ability to act in wisdom

**Thigh** – faith

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## BUILDINGS/PLACES

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- Amphitheater** – magnification; being heard
- Atrium** – light & growth from heaven
- Auto Repair Shop** – ministry restoration, renewal & repair
- Back Porch** – history; past
- Barn/warehouse** – a place of provision & storage
- Castle** – authority, fortress, royal residence
- Country General Store** – provision; basics, staples
- Elevator** – changing position; going up in the spiritual realm, elevated; going down – demotion, trial; backsliding
- Farm** – place of provision
- Foundation** – important foundational issues; established; stable or unstable (depending on the context); the gospel; sound doctrine; church government
- Front Porch** – vision; future
- Garage** – place to rest & refresh; place of protection; covering for ministries or people
- Garden** – a person's heart; love; intimacy; growth
- Gas Station** – receiving power; refilling or “refueling” of the Spirit; empowering
- Hallway** – transition that is usually direct or without deviation
- High-rise Building** – high spiritual calling or high spiritual perspective
- Hospital** – place of healing, healing anointing
- House** – person, family; ministry; church
- Previous / Old Home** – past; inheritance; memory; revisiting old issues
- Buying, or living in, the house of a known person in the ministry** – God has a similar call on your life.
- Two-story House** – double anointing
- Hotel** – transition; temporary; place to relax or receive
- Jail / Prison** – bondage; rebellion; addiction
- Prisoners** – lost souls; persecuted saints
- Library** – learning; knowledge; research
- Mall** – market place; provision for all your needs in 1 place; Negative – self centeredness; materialism
- Mobile Home / Trailer House** – temporary place, condition or relationship; movement, easily movable; poverty
- Mountain** – place of encountering God; obstacle; difficulty; challenge; Kingdom, nation
- Office building** – getting things accomplished; productivity
- Park** – rest, peace; leisure; God's blessing; vagrancy
- Roof** – spiritual covering
- School / Classroom** – training period; a place of teaching; teaching ministry; teaching anointing
- Shack** – poverty
- Stadium** – place of tremendous impact
- Staircase** – up: promotion; down: demotion, backsliding, failure; heavenly portal; up or down in the spirit and anointing; steps that need to be taken
- Swimming Pool** – place of spiritual refreshing; a place of God's Spirit; immersed in God; dirty water can indicate spiritual pollution, corruption or backslidden condition
- Tent** – temporary place of rest; meeting place with God

**Theater** – on display, visible; going to be shown something; clarity; spiritual sight; fleshly lust

**Windows** – vision; letting light in, spiritual sight, opportunity (as in an “open window of opportunity”)

**Zoo** – strange; chaos; commotion; very busy place; noisy strife

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## CLOTHING

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**Coat** – mantle, anointing

**Swimwear** – ability to move in the Spirit

**Speedo** – to move fast in the spirit

**Shorts** – a walk or calling that is partially fulfilled

**Bathrobe** – coming out of a place of cleansing

**Pajamas** – spiritual slumber

**Cultural Clothing** – missionary calling; prayer calling for a particular country or ethnic group

**Wedding Dress** – covenant; deep relationship

**Shoes** – Gospel of peace

**Clothing that doesn't fit** – walking in something you're not called to

**Tattered Clothing** – mantle or anointing that's not being taken care of

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## COLORS

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**Red** – wisdom, anointing, & power  
**Blue** – revelation, communion  
**Green** – growth, prosperity, conscious  
**Brown** – compassion, humility  
**Gold/amber** – purity, glory, holiness  
**Purple** – authority, royalty  
**Orange** – perseverance  
**Silver** – redemption, grace  
**Yellow** – hope, mind  
**Pink** – childlike, love of God  
**Gray** – maturity, honor, wisdom  
**White** – righteousness, holiness  
**Black** – death, mystery

Negative – anger, war  
Negative – depression, sorrow, anxiety  
Negative – envy, jealousy, pride  
Negative – compromise, humanism  
Negative – idolatry, defilement, licentiousness  
Negative – false authority  
Negative – stubbornness  
Negative – legalism  
Negative – fear, cowards, intellectual pride  
Negative – childishness  
Negative – weakness  
Negative – religious spirit  
Negative – sin, darkness

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## DIRECTIONS

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**East – *Beginning*** (Genesis 11:2); Law (therefore blessed or cursed); birth; first (sun rises in the east bringing hope and new day); false religions (as in “Eastern religions”)  
*Psalm 103:12 “As far as the east (law) is from the west (grace), so far hath He removed our transgressions from us.”*

**East Wind** – judgment, hardship (Genesis 41:23, 27; Exodus 10:13)

**West – *End*** (as in the end of the day); grace; death; last (Exodus 10:19)

*Luke 12:54 “And he said to the people, when you see a cloud (of glory) rise out of the west (grace of God), straightaway ye say, There cometh a shower (blessing); and so it is.”*

**North – *Spiritual***: judgment; Heaven or heavenly; spiritual warfare (as in “taking your inheritance”) (Deuteronomy 2:3; Proverbs 25:23; Jeremiah 1:13-14)

**South – *Natural***: sin; world; temptation; trial; flesh; corruption; deception (Joshua 10:40; Job 37:9)

**Right – *Natural***: authority, power; the strength of man (flesh) or the power of God revealed through man; accepted, place of favor (Matthew 5:29-30a; Genesis 48:18; Exodus 15:6; Matthew 25:33; 1 Peter 3:22)

**Right Turn** = natural change

**Left – *Spiritual***: Weakness (of man); God’s strength or ability demonstrated through man’s weakness; rejected (Judges 3:20-21; Judges 20:16; Matthew 25:33)

**Left Turn** = spiritual change

**Back – *Past***: (as in backyard or back door). Previous event or experience (good or evil); that which is behind (for example, past sins or the sins of forefathers); unaware, unsuspecting; hidden; memory (Genesis 22:13; Joshua 8:4; Philippians 3:13)

**Front – *Future or Now***: (as in front yard or front porch) prophecy of future events; immediate; current

*Rev. 1:19 “Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which (presently) are (before, or in front of you), and the things which shall be hereafter.”*

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## FOOD

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**Apples** – spiritual fruit; temptation; something precious like the apple of God's eyes

**Bread** – Jesus Christ (as in the “bread of life”); Word of God; source of nourishment; God's provision

**Grapes** – fruitfulness; success in life; evidence of being connected to Christ (as in John 15)

**Honey** – sweet; strength; wisdom; Spirit of God; the abiding anointing; the sweet Word of our Lord; the best of the land, abundance

**Lemons** – sour; a poor sport

**Manna** – God's miraculous provision; something coming directly from God; glory of God; bread of life

**Meat** – something meant for the spiritually mature; depth in God's word

**Milk** – good nourishment; elementary teaching

**Pears** – long life; pear trees have long life; enduring much without complaining

**Pumpkin** –

**Positive:** change of the seasons; harvest time; symbol of affection (as in “You are my little pumpkin”);

**Negative:** witchcraft; deception; snare; witch; trick (as in Halloween “trick or treat”)

**Strawberries** – goodness, excellence in nature & virtue; healing; sweet & very humble

**Tomato** – kindness, the heart of God; big hearted; generous

**Water** – Holy Spirit; refreshing; Word of God; spiritual life

**Wine** –

**Positive:** working of the Spirit of God; move of God;

**Negative:** drunkenness; love of the world

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## INSECTS

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**Ant** – industrious; wise; diligent; prepared for the future; nuisance; stinging or angry words

**Bee/hornet** - painful; strong demonic attack

**Butterfly** – freedom; flighty, fragile; temporary glory; transformation

**Flies** – evil spirits, filth of Satan's kingdom; Beelzebub -“Lord of the flies”; live on dead things; occult

**Grasshopper** – destruction; drought, pestilence

**Moth** – symbol of destruction; deception (as a moth drawn to the flame)

**Roach** – infestation; unclean spirits; hidden sin

**Scorpion** – evil spirits; evil men; pinch of pain

**Spider** – occult attack; witchcraft

**Spider Web** – place of demonic attack; ensnaring, a trap

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## MISCELLANEOUS

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**Pregnancy** – in process of reproducing; preparatory stage; promise of God; Word of God as seed; prophetic word; desire, anticipation, expectancy; purposes of God preparing to come forth

**Miscarriage** – losing something at the preparatory stage, whether good or bad; plans aborted

**Repeating activities** – God establishing a matter or issue; repeating because you are not listening

**Flying** – call or ability of move in the higher things of God; understanding the spirit realm of God

**Life seasons** – may include former places you have been/lived, and/or former schools, tests, jobs, etc. – Reflect on the significance of that season.

**Kiss** – coming into agreement; covenant; seductive process; enticement; deception, betrayal; betrayal from a trusted friend

**Christmas** – gifts; season of rejoicing; spiritual gifts; surprise; good will; benevolence; commercialism

**Choking** – hindrance; difficulty in accepting something (as in “the news was hard to swallow”); hatred or anger (as in “I could choke her right now”); unfruitful (as in the weeds growing up and choking the plants)

**Chewing** – thinking on something (as in, “I need to chew on that”), meditating; receiving wisdom & understanding

**Difficulty Chewing** – hard saying; difficulty receiving something

**Running** – faith; perseverance; working out one’s salvation; moving forward with purpose

**Swimming** – living in the Spirit; moving in the things of the Spirit; operating in the gifts of the Spirit

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## NUMBERS

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|               |   |                              |
|---------------|---|------------------------------|
| <b>1</b>      | – | God                          |
| <b>2</b>      | – | Multiplication, division     |
| <b>3</b>      | – | Godhead (Triune God)         |
| <b>4</b>      | – | God's creative works         |
| <b>5</b>      | – | Grace, redemption            |
| <b>6</b>      | – | Man                          |
| <b>7</b>      | – | Perfection, completion       |
| <b>8</b>      | – | New beginnings (Teacher)     |
| <b>9</b>      | – | Judgment (Evangelist)        |
| <b>10</b>     | – | Journey, wilderness (Pastor) |
| <b>11</b>     | – | Transition (Prophet)         |
| <b>12</b>     | – | Government (Apostle)         |
| <b>13</b>     | – | Rebellion                    |
| <b>14</b>     | – | Double anointing             |
| <b>15</b>     | – | Reprieve, mercy              |
| <b>16</b>     | – | Established beginnings       |
| <b>17</b>     | – | Election                     |
| <b>25</b>     | – | Begin ministry training      |
| <b>30</b>     | – | Begin ministry               |
| <b>111</b>    | – | My Beloved Son               |
| <b>666</b>    | – | Full lawlessness             |
| <b>888</b>    | – | Resurrection                 |
| <b>10,000</b> | – | Maturity                     |

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## OBJECTS

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**Crown** – symbol of authority, to reign; seal of power; Jesus Christ; honor, reward

**Television** – spiritual sight & understanding; entertainment; fleshly cravings & desires; fleshly spirit; love of the world

**Microphone** – influence; ministry; authority; being heard

**Microwave** – impatience; quick work; convenient; sudden

**Mirror** – God's Word; a person's heart; vanity

**Money** – gain or loss of favor; power; provision; wealth; spiritual riches; authority; strength of man; covetousness; greed

**Check** – favor

**Credit Card** – presumption; lack of trust; attempting to walk in something that you don't have yet; debt

**Trees** – leaders; mature believers; steady

**Fruited Trees** – healing

**Gate** – spiritual authority; entrance point for good or evil

**Key** – spiritual authority; wisdom; understanding; ability; Jesus

**Ladder** – ascending or descending; promotion or demotion; going higher into the things of God; portal of heavenly activity (as in Jacobs ladder had angels ascending and descending)

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## PEOPLE

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**Baby** – new ministry or responsibility that has recently been birthed; new beginning; new idea; dependent, helpless; innocent; sin

**Bride** – Christ's church; covenant, relationship

**Carpenter** – Jesus; someone who makes or mends things; building something spiritually or naturally; preacher

**Giant** –

**Positive:** godly men (as in “a giant of the faith”); strong; conquer;

**Negative:** demons; defilement (as in the Philistine Giant Goliath)

**Harlot / Prostitute** – a tempting situation; appealing to your flesh; worldly desire; a demon; spirit of lust; spiritual apostasy

**Hijacker** – enemy wanting to take control of you or a situation

**Husband** – Jesus Christ; actual person

**Lawyer** –

**Positive:** Jesus Christ, our advocate; mediator;

**Negative:** Satan, the accuser of the brethren; legalism

**Mob** – false accusation

**Policemen** – authority for good or evil; protector; spiritual authority

**Prisoner** – a lost soul

**Shepherd** – Jesus Christ; pastor, leader (good or bad); selfless person; protector

**Twins** –

**Positive:** double blessing or anointing;

**Negative:** double trouble

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## ROOMS

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**Attic** – mind, thought; history; past issues; family history; spiritual realm

**Basement** – hidden; forgotten; hidden issues; foundation; basics

**Bathroom** – spiritual cleansing; prayer of repentance; confession of sins to another person

**Bathroom in full view** – humbling season; others aware of cleansing; transparency

**Bedroom** – intimacy; rest; privacy; peace; covenant (as in marriage)

**Dining Room/Eating** – partaking of spiritual food; fellowship

**Kitchen** – heart (as in the “kitchen is the heart of the home”); spiritual preparation; going deep in the Word; spiritual food & feasting

**Restaurant kitchen** – teaching ministry; greater influence or impact; preparing to serve people the Word

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## TRANSPORTATION

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**Airplane** – (size & type of plane correlates to the interpretation) prophetic ministry; going to heights in the Spirit; new & higher understanding

**Armored Car** – protection of God

**Automobile** – personal ministry or job

**Bicycle** – individual ministry or calling requiring perseverance

**Bus** – church or ministry

**Chariot** – major spiritual encounter

**Coal Car** – on track; being directed by the Lord

**Convertible** – open heaven in your personal ministry or job

**Fire Truck** – rescue; putting out fires of destruction

**Fred Flintstone Car** – human effort

**Hang glider** – going somewhere in the Spirit; driven by the wind of the spirit

**Helicopter** – mobile, flexible, able to get in Spirit quickly

**Limousine** –

**Positive:** being taken to your destiny in style;

**Negative:** materialism

**Mickey Mouse Car** – purpose is colorful & entertaining

**Mini Van** – family

**Motorcycle** – fast; powerful; maneuverable

**Moving Van** – transition; change

**Ocean Liner** – impacting large numbers of people

**Riverboat** – slow, but impacting many people

**Rollercoaster** –

**Positive:** a wild ride that God is directing, exciting, but temporary;

**Negative:** a path of destruction that first appears exciting; an emotional trying time with ups and downs

**Sailboats** – powered by wind of the Spirit

**Semi-truck** – transporting great quantity of goods

**Spaceship** – to the outer limits, spiritually speaking

**Speedboat** – fast, exciting, power in the Spirit

**Submarine** – undercover and active, but not seen by many; a behind the scenes ministry, hidden ministry

**Subway** – undercover and active, but not seen by many; a behind the scenes ministry, hidden ministry

**Stagecoach** – rough, difficult ride; old way of doing something (good or bad)

**Taxi Cab** – a shepherd or hireling for someone (driving); paying the price to get where you are going (passenger)

**Tow Truck** – ministry of helps; gathering the wounded

**Tractor** – slow power; may speak about a need to plow

**Train** – a movement of God; denomination

**Truck** – ability to transport or deliver

**Tugboat** – providing assistance; ministry of helps

## WEAPONS

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**Knife** – brutal attack or gossip; protection (if you are holding it)

**Sword** – Word of God; far reaching; authority

**Gun** – spiritual authority good or bad; spiritual attack

**Dart** – curses; demonic attack; accuracy

**Arrow** –

**Negative:** accusation from the enemy.

**Positive:** blessing of children; focus; specific message (as in “shooting an arrow with your life”)

**Shield** – faith; protection; God's truth; faith in God

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## WEATHER

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**Earthquake** – upheaval; change (by crisis); God’s judgment, disaster; trauma, shaking; shock

**Fog** – clouded issues or thoughts; uncertainty; confusion; temporary

**Hail** – judgment; destruction; bombardment

**Ice/Ice Storm** – hard saying; slippery; dangerous

**Rain** – blessing; cleansing (clear rain); trouble from enemy (dirty rain)

**Snow** – blessing; refreshing; righteousness; purity; grace (Isaiah 55:10-11a)

**Dirty Snow** – impure

**Snow Drift** – barrier; hindrance; opposition

**Snow Blizzard** – inability to see; storm that blinds you or obstructs your vision

**Storms** – disturbance; change; spiritual warfare; judgment; sudden calamity or destruction; turbulent times; trial; opposition

**White Storm** – God’s power; revival, outpouring of the Holy Spirit

**Tornadoes** - destruction, danger; judgment; drastic change; winds of change (negative or positive depending on the color of the tornadoes)

**Wind** – change (as in “winds of change are blowing”);

**Positive:** Holy Spirit;

**Negative:** adversity

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## GETTING RID OF BEES

Over time, I have discovered that God takes our fears very seriously. We often do not. Most of us have been afraid of the same things for so many years that we almost don't notice how they're affecting us anymore — or worse, we choose to ignore them.

*This isn't fear, we may think. I just don't do that sort of thing. I'm not outgoing like that.*

*It's not because I'm afraid of failing. I've just decided not to see this through.*

*I know God doesn't want me to be afraid of this . . . but it's easy to be afraid of this.*

God takes our fears very seriously. They may seem small and insignificant to us, but they are not to Him.

Several years ago, I had nightmares for 69 nights in a row. Most of the time, I would wake up sweating, yelling and thinking I was going to die. I begged God to stop the dreams, but He didn't — at least, not in the way I had been expecting.

By the time Night Number 70 rolled around, I was staying up until 1 or 2 a.m. and avoiding going to bed for as long as I could. That night, when I finally fell asleep, I dreamed that I was in a huge, beautiful house. Everything was peaceful. But then I saw a bee outside the window, and I thought, *Oh, no! Not again! I am not going to let them in this house!*

I got out my duct tape and taped up every window, door and even the fireplace. I was determined the bees were not going to get into the house, and when I had finished, I was relieved. I had done it! I had conquered them! I couldn't see out the windows because the swarm was so thick — but I had conquered them.

Suddenly, an angel stood beside me. "Come with me," he said.

But I knew better. "No," I replied. "I know you. You've been here before! Every time I go with you, you take me outside, and if I go outside, the bees are going to know I'm there, and they will sting me, and I will die!"

Rather forcefully, he said, "I said, '*Come with me!*'"

The next thing I knew, I was standing outside about 100 feet away from the house. The bees blanketed the structure completely. You couldn't even see it anymore.

The angel looked at me. "Blow on it!"

Once again, I knew better. "No," I told him. "If I blow on it, they are going to know I'm here, and then they are going to come and sting me, and I'll die!"

"I said, '*Blow on it!*'" he repeated.

It was clear that either the bees were going to kill me or this angel was. So, coming up with a plan, I took a small breath and *whispered* at the house. I thought that maybe if I blew only a little bit, the bees wouldn't notice I was there, and the angel would be satisfied.

But no. He turned to me again. "I said, 'Blow on it!' Let the breath of God blow through you! *Blow on that!*"

Knowing I was facing imminent death, I took a deep breath and blew with everything I had. To my shock, a huge number of bees lifted off the house and disappeared! Full of courage, I did it again. Three breaths later, I could see that the house was completely clean.

The angel looked at me and said, “Never allow the enemy to do that to you again! The Spirit of the Living God will stop it if you will let Him come forth from you. *Never* stop the breath of God!”

God takes our fears very seriously. None of them is inconsequential, and no matter how small they may seem, every one of them affects us. Our heavenly Father wants us to be free from their negative and binding consequences . . . but we have to want that freedom, too.

We need to view our fears the way God views our fears. Take some time and ask Him which fear, or fears, He wants to address in your life today. What does He want to remove? What do you need to start thinking differently about? It could be that God has a great blessing waiting for you on the other side of this, a blessing that has been there this entire time, but the fear kept it hidden from your sight.

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## ORDINARY EGGS

When I teach on dreams, I instruct the class to record their dreams in different ways. We talk about four methods of dream recording: the cluster method, the diagram method, the intuitive method (drawing the dream) and the spiral method (writing the dream in an ever-expanding circle on the page).

Why is it important to branch out and record your dreams in “unique” ways? It causes the right side, the creative side, of your brain to develop, and you literally come into a greater understanding of dream interpretation simply because you’re doing something new and creative.

In life, this isn’t a one-time exercise. This is something you need to practice over and over again. Some of us argue against doing things differently for no reason other than we hate change. But God *loves* change. He loves creativity. He loves doing the new thing (Isaiah 43:19; 2 Corinthians 5:17). Therefore, He wants to open up the mind He gave you and utilize it at a larger, deeper level. In a way, it’s like He’s using building blocks. Your mind is being *built up* and attuned to what the Spirit is saying, what the Spirit is doing and what the Spirit knows, and one day, these new, creative elements inside you will click into gear.

The first step is the new step—the new thing with God, the new creative outlet, music lessons with a new instrument, the class you’ve thought about taking. You just never know what you’ll discover when you try new things.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Today, I want to get your creative juices flowing. I want to present the idea that perhaps, something huge is waiting on your doorstep, and all you need to do is open the door and find it. Taking a road you’ve never taken before will always bring you through new territory. That’s what new roads do. You see new things. You discover new things. You have different life experiences, and sometimes, you even uncover an ability you didn’t know you had.

My grandmother became a very good artist when she was 80 years old. She had messed around with it for years, drawing a picture a decade, but for the last seven years of her life, she drew all the time. She was a chalk artist, and she never knew she had this gift until she started doodling around, and it started growing. She discovered she had genuine talent, and after she passed away, she won awards because her children entered her work into contests.

You could have a gift.

It could be spectacular.

C.S. Lewis put it like this:

*“It may be hard for an egg to turn into a bird: it would be a jolly sight harder for it to learn to fly while remaining an egg. We are like eggs at present. And you cannot go on indefinitely being just an ordinary, decent egg. We must be hatched or go bad.”*

If your heart is burning as you read this article, perhaps it’s time for you to expand your horizons. Choose to be courageous and *try*. Do the new thing and see what God has in store for you. It might take you by surprise. You might just discover how to fly.



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## COMPARING INTRINSIC AND EXTRINSIC DREAMS

Understanding the difference between intrinsic and extrinsic dreams is just one step of recording and interpreting your dreams. If the dream is about you it is intrinsic but if the dream is about somebody else then it is extrinsic.

A common misperception is that the dreamer has to be the main participant in the dream for it to be intrinsic. That would be an inaccurate assumption. Unless it is abundantly obvious that you're playing no role in the dream—like you're just a fly on the wall watching it all happen—label the dream intrinsic and move on with the process. Remember, the point of dream interpretation is not in the rigid tagging of the dream, it's discovering the meaning and learning from the hidden wisdom.

For example, sometimes the dreamer will be participating in the dream, and then suddenly find themselves removed from the action of the dream yet still privy to what's going on or what's being said. That doesn't mean the dream is now about someone else. The dream is still about the dreamer. It's just not important for the dreamer to be *involved* in the action of the dream to glean the important information being revealed in that scene.

Or, sometimes you just "know" things in a dream. The back story of how you found this out isn't important to the meaning of the dream, so it's excluded.

So for clarity, a wise practice would be to tag any dream you participate in at any time as intrinsic, and any dream you are strictly observing—the fly on the wall scenario—as extrinsic.

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## CONTEXT, CONTEXT, CONTEXT

In much the same way as the three most important parts of real estate are location, location and location, the three most important parts of the technical side of understanding your dreams are context, context and context.

What is context? Context is looking at the details of the dream in light of the big picture. Just as a news network can completely change what a politician means by taking one sound bite from a speech, so can you misinterpret a dream by interpreting a detail without looking at how it fits into the big picture surrounding it.

What does a cat mean in a dream? Generally, a cat would mean an independent spirit. But the context of that cat's presence in your dream plays a huge part in how you interpret the dream. Are you inviting the cat to sit on your lap? Are you playing with the cat? Running away from the cat? Throwing the cat out of a speeding car? Sorry cat lovers...but that actually might be a good dream.

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## HOW DO YOU FEEL?

One of the most important things to remember about your dream—and it's important to do this right after waking up—is how you felt during the dream and what lingering feeling you had after waking up from the dream.

Sometimes "how you felt" about the dream can be subtle. It's on these occasions where it's most important to include this somewhere in your dream entry. For example (Feeling: When the dream started, I felt a little apprehensive, but as it progressed, I felt more and more comfortable).

Remembering and writing down how you felt right after having a dream is an important habit to get into. Seemingly positive events can happen in a dream, but if you wake up with an uneasy feeling, the interpretation of that dream might change—from an encouraging dream to a warning dream. Sometimes this is the subtle difference between good and God.

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## A VEHICLE TO YOUR DESTINY

One of the most common, yet important, objects to appear in dreams are vehicles. Vehicles can be cars, trucks, buses, airplanes, trains, boats, etc. Vehicles in dreams represent the *vehicle* that helps get you to your destination, destiny or purpose in life. It doesn't have to represent your life-long endeavor, sometimes it can be a job or temporary assignment that will lead you to your next vehicle.

God has much to say about your *vehicle* in dreams—it plays an important role in getting you where He wants you to go. But vehicles have to be maintained to continue to work properly. And we are not born professional drivers or mechanics. So, just as you may have received advice from your earthly father growing up, God will give us driving and maintenance instructions in our dreams.

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## WAGE PEACE

Contrary to modern Western thought, *peace* is a fairly violent word.

In Greek, *peace* means to obtain quietness by *removing* what seeks to distract and destroy you. It is not a compliant serenity but an aggressive *taking out*, a forceful extraction.

*Peace* has a very similar meaning in Hebrew. When we study the Hebrew pictographs that comprise the word *peace*, we find that it, too, is not merely a state of mind; it means to destroy or remove the chaos and anarchy around you.

So based on this understanding, when Jesus said, "Peace be with you," He was not simply greeting His disciples. No, He was issuing a command to the chaos and anarchy in their lives. Essentially, He was saying, "May the chaos and anarchy that are trying to keep you from doing what God wants you to do be removed from your life."

*Peace* is not a passive word. The peace of God has the strength to root up and demolish every single work of darkness that is meant to keep God's Kingdom from advancing. When peace comes, it literally destroys the work of the evil one (1 John 3:8). It tears apart the anarchy around us. It dissolves the tumult.

We could say that God's peace is a weapon, not just our refuge.

## PEACE AND RELATIONSHIP

How do we go about building peace in our lives? Peace, like authority, is not a spiritual gift that we were born with; it is something we experience and carry more and more the further we venture into God's heart. The more we get to know Him, the more peace we will have because we trust Him and know His name (Isaiah 26:3).

Peace is directly proportionate to authority, because both are the fruit of relationship with God. The more authority we have, the more peace we have and the more we will be able to speak, "Peace," to our circumstances.

When Jesus said to the storm, "Peace, be still," He was rebuking the waves that were responding to the anarchy driving the storm. The peace He carried *erased* the devil's plan around Him. It forcibly removed the chaos and anarchy, and therefore, the waves became still.

Jesus is the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6), and He came to bring us the gospel of peace (Romans 10:15). No one does peace the way Jesus does peace. One of the things that marked His life on earth was that nothing hindered His relationship with the Father; there was no sin in His heart. This is important to understand when talking about peace because as long as we have sin in our lives, we have an open door for chaos and anarchy. Sin separates us from God. But the *moment* we repent, the enemy no longer has a legal right to attack us.

As we begin to understand the depths of the perfect forgiveness God provided through Jesus, the gospel of peace takes our hopelessness and turns it into hope. We go from thinking, *Why are all these things happening to me? I can't control anything in my life!* to understanding, *The chaos around me can be controlled by what God has done in*

me. Hidden in the heart of our Father, we can speak, “Peace, be still,” and the “waves” in our lives will grow calm.

With this in mind, we can begin to understand how the peace of God makes us very dangerous in dark places, where the enemy is working. God’s peace does not affect our lives alone; we can carry it with us wherever we go and impact the lives around us as well (Luke 10:5).

The next time you ask God to bring peace into a situation, remember what *peace* actually means. It means to obtain quietness by removing the chaos and anarchy that seek to distract and destroy you. So when you ask for peace, you are not asking God just to help you trust Him in the midst of a difficult situation — He is His peace. He destroys the works of the devil and completely removes everything that threatens you.

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